UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

JAMES REED, individually and as)
Trustee of 7942 Country Club Irry Trust)
utad 6-30-2012,)
Plaintiff,)
,)
v.) Case No. 23-cv-14321
) Hon. John Kness
ILLINOIS COURT OF APPEALS,)
FIRST DISTRICT (1-23-0478) ON)
APPEAL FROM CIRCUIT COURT OF)
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS)
(17COTD3838), ET. AL.,)
)
Defendants.)

BROADWAY IRVING PARK LLC'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

Petitioner, Broadway Irving Park LLC, through its attorneys, petition this Court to grant it leave to intervene in this matter pursuant to Federal Rule of Civile Procedure 24(a)(2) and states as follows:

- 1. On July 23, 2018, the trial court in case number 2017 COTD 003838 ("Tax Case") issued a tax deed for the property located at 7942 Country Club Lane in Elmwood Park, Illinois ("Property") to RDG Fund-5 LNS LLC ("RDG").
- 2. Plaintiff, James Reed, filed an appeal of the Tax Case which was ultimately dismissed ("2018 Appeal").
- 3. On August 11, 2020, Petitioner, Broadway Irving LLC, purchased the Property from RDG. A copy of the Special Warranty Deed is attached as **Exhibit A**.

- 4. On January 9, 2023, the trial court in the Tax Case issued an order of possession to Petitioner but stayed the possession pending Plaintiff's purported second appeal of the Tax Case, identified as appellate case number 1-23-0478 ("2023 Appeal").
 - 5. Plaintiff litigated and lost certain issues in the 2023 Appeal.
- 6. On October 16, 2023, the appellate court dismissed the 2023 Appeal and issued its mandate on December 5, 2023, instructing the trial court in the Tax Case that the appeal was dismissed.
- 7. On September 29, 2023, Plaintiff filed the instant "Petition for Removal" against Defendant, "Illinois Court of Appeals, First District (1-23-0478) on appeal from Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois (17COTD3838), et. al."
- 8. Plaintiff's Petition for Removal states in its introduction that it seeks the removal of the 2023 Appeal.
- 9. Plaintiff's Petition for Removal states that the appellate court in the 2023 Appeal violated his due process rights under the 5th, 7th, 8th, and 14th Amendments.
- 10. The remedies sought in the Petition for Removal are (1) a declaratory judgment that all orders entered by the Illinois courts in the 2023 Appeal, the Tax Case, and Cook County Circuit Court Case Number 2013 CH 28231 ("Foreclosure Case") are void, (2) that he be reimbursed for all filing fees and costs associated with those litigations, (3) an order directing the Cook County Recorder of Deeds to vacate all deeds records pursuant to the Tax and Foreclosure Cases, and (4) reinstatement of Plaintiff's claim for quiet title asserted in Cook County Circuit Court Case Number 2017 CH 8139, which was consolidated with the Foreclosure Case.
- 11. The 2023 Appeal, Tax Case, and Foreclosure Case all involved claims of ownership over the Property.

- 12. Despite being record titleholder, Petitioner is not named as a Defendant in the instant matter.
- 13. On June 6, 2024, the trial court in the Tax Case entered an order stating that it has no jurisdiction over the Tax Case because Reed's Petition for Removal constituted a removal of the 2023 Appeal and Tax Case to this Court.
 - 14. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(a)(2) states:

On timely motion, the court must permit anyone to intervene who[...] claims an interest relating to the property or transaction that is the subject of the action, and is so situated that disposing of the action may as a practical matter impair or impede the movant's ability to protect its interest, unless existing parties adequately represent that interest.

Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a)(2).

- 15. The Seventh Circuit has established four criteria that must be met for a party to intervene as a matter of right: (1) their motion to intervene was timely; (2) they possess an interest related to the subject matter of the enforcement action; (3) disposition of the action threatens to impair that interest; and (4) no existing party adequately represents their interest. *United States v. BDO Seidman*, 337 F.3d 802, 808 (7th Cir. 2003).
 - 16. Petitioner's intervention satisfies all of these criteria.
- 17. Petitioner's petition to intervene is timely because Plaintiff has not filed a jurisdictional statement in this matter and no named defendant has appeared.
- 18. Plaintiff's Petition for Removal seeks to void over six years of activity, including three different circuit court cases and three appeals, regarding the ownership of the Property.
- 19. As Petitioner is the record titleholder of the Property, it possesses an interest in the subject matter of the instant litigation.

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20. The disposition of the instant matter threatens Petitioner's ownership interest in the

Property because its ownership interest will be adversely affected if Plaintiff succeeds on voiding

over six years of litigation in three lawsuits and three appellate court rulings.

21. The only named parties in the instant matter are Plaintiff, James Reed, and

Defendant, "Illinois Court of Appeals, First District (1-23-0478) on appeal from Circuit Court of

Cook County, Illinois (17COTD3838), et. al."

22. The appellate and circuit courts of Cook County have no interest in who owns the

Property.

23. Therefore, no party to the instant matter adequately represents the interests of

Petitioner.

24. Petitioner petitions this Court to intervene in this matter so that it may file the

attached motion to dismiss Plaintiff's Petition for Removal or in the alternative remand for lack of

subject matter jurisdiction. A copy of Petitioner's motion is attached as Exhibit B.

25. In light of the above, Petitioner should be permitted to intervene in this matter as

of right.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, Broadway Irving Park LLC, respectfully requests this Court

grant it leave to intervene in this matter and for any other relief this Court deems just.

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COOK COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS

EDWARD M. MOODY

SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED

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This Indenture made this	
11	_day of
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RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC party of the first part, and	

Broadway Irving Park, LLC party of the second part.

Grantee's Address:

WITNESSETH, that the said party of the first part, for an in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in hand paid by the party of the second part, the receive whereof is hereby acknowledged, and pursuant to authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation, by these presents does REMISE, RELEASE, ALIEN AND CONVEY unto the said party of the second part, and to their heirs and assigns, FOREVER, all the following described land, situate in the County of Cook and State of Illinois known and described as follows, to wit:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

subject to: taxes not yet due and payable, general restrictions as they appear of record.

Permanent Real Estate Index No.: 12-36-300-088-0000

Property Address: 7942 W. Country Club Lane, Elmwood Park, IL 60707

Together with all the singular and hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise Appertaining, and the reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever, of the said party of the first part, either in law or equity of, in and to the above described premises, with the hereditaments and appurtenances: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises as above described, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, their heirs and assigns forever.

And the said party of the first part, for itself and its successor, does covenant, promise and agree, to and with said party of the second part, their heirs and assigns, that it has not done or suffered to be done, anything whereby the said premises hereby granted are, or may be, in any manner encumbered or charged, except as herein recited; and that the said premises, against all persons lawfully claiming, or to claim the same, by, through or under it, it WILL WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND.

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I, undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE, that Yung Bong Lim personally appeared before me and acknowledged himself/herself as the of RDG Fund-5 LNS LLC and is the same person whose name is subscribed to Authorited Agent the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and severally acknowledged that as such they signed and delivered the said instrument as pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation, as his/her free and voluntary act, and as the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

u Given under my hand and official seal this day of



1212912021 My Commission expires on

This Instrument Was Prepared By:

Kevin Skalnik 156 North Jefferson Street, Suite 203 Chicago, IL 60661

156 North Jefferson Street, Suite 203, Chicago, IL

Notary Public

MAIL TO: 60661

7942 W. Country Club Lane, Elmwood

SEND TAX BILLS TO: Park, IL 60707

Village of Elmwood Park TRANSFER STAMP 000.00

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX 15-Sep-2020 COUNTY: 100.00 ILLINOIS: 200.00 TOTAL: 12-36-300-088-0000 300.00 20200701645817 | 1-515-305-440

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EXHIBIT "A"

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EXHIBIT B

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

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BROADWAY IRVING PARK LLC'S MOTION TO DISMISS OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE REMAND

Third-Party Intervenor, Broadway Irving Park LLC ("Broadway"), through its attorneys, moves to dismiss the Petition for Removal filed by Plaintiff, James Reed ("Reed"), pursuant to Rule 12(b)(1) or in the alternative remand this matter. In support thereof, Broadway states as follows:

Background

1. On October 31, 2017, RDG Fund-5 LNS LLC ("RDG") filed its Petition for Tax Deed for the property located at 7942 Country Club Lane in Elmwood Park, Illinois ("Property") and given case number 2017 COTD 003838 ("Tax Case"). A copy of the Petition for Tax Deed is attached as **Exhibit A**.

- 2. On May 24, 2018, RDG filed an Application for an Order Directing the County Clerk to Issue a Tax Deed for the Property. A copy of RDG's Application is attached as **Exhibit B**.
- 3. On June 14, 2018, the trial court conducted a prove up hearing on RDG's Application. A copy of the hearing transcript is attached as **Exhibit C**.
- 4. On July 23, 2018, the trial court granted RDG's Application and entered an order directing the issuance of a tax deed for the Property to RDG. A copy of the July 23, 2018 Order is attached as **Exhibit D**.
- 5. On July 23, 2018, a tax deed was issued for the Property to RDG. A copy of the tax deed is attached as **Exhibit E**.
- 6. On August 23, 2018, Reed filed a notice of appeal of the Tax Case ("2018 Appeal").

 A copy of Reed's notice of appeal for the 2018 Appeal is attached as **Exhibit F**.
- 7. Reed's notice in the 2018 Appeal sought to appeal the issuance of the tax deed and sought the relief of, "VACATE TAX SALE pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-1203." Ex. F.
- 8. The notice further states the basis of the appeal as, "person with interest in the property not named as a party," and "purchaser did not make diligent inquiry or effort to effect service." Ex. F.
- 9. On March 22, 2019, the appellate court entered an order dismissing the 2018 Appeal for want of prosecution. A copy of the March 22, 2019 Order is attached **Exhibit G**.
- 10. The appellate court further issued a mandate that its dismissal order constituted the final order of the 2018 Appeal. A copy of the appellate court's mandate is attached as **Exhibit H**.
- 11. On August 11, 2020, RDG transferred the Property via special warranty deed to Broadway. A copy of the special warranty deed is attached as **Exhibit I**.

- 12. On October 21, 2022, Broadway filed a Petition for Order of Possession before the trial court pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/22-40(c).
- 13. On October 31, 2022, Reed filed a notice of lack of jurisdiction and objection to Broadway's Petition.
 - 14. Reed's notice was fully briefed before the trial court.
- 15. On January 9, 2023, the trial court had oral argument on Broadway's Petition and Reed's notice and objection wherein Reed reported that he had filed a notice of appeal of the Tax Case ("2023 Appeal"). A copy of the January 9, 2023 Order is attached as **Exhibit J**.
- 16. On January 9, 2023, the trial court granted Broadway's Petition over Reed's objection and struck Reed's notice and objection. Ex. J.
- 17. In light of Reed's purported appeal, the January 9, 2023 Order states that Broadway's possession of the Property is stayed pending the directive of the appellate court. Ex. J.
- 18. On January 13, 2023, Reed filed his notice of appeal in the 2023 Appeal, seeking an appeal of the trial court's July 23, 2018 order issuing the tax deed, the January 9, 2023 Order granting an order of possession, and another proposed order from 2017. A copy of Reed's notice of appeal in the 2023 Appeal is attached as **Exhibit K**.
- 19. On February 8, 2023, Broadway filed a motion to reconsider the trial court's January 9, 2023 order as it pertained to the stay of Broadway's possession, arguing, in part, that no appeal bond was requested or posted by Reed.
- 20. Also on February 8, 2023, Reed filed a motion to vacate the July 23, 2018 Order issuing the tax deed and the resulting January 9, 2023 Order granting an order of possession.

- 21. On March 8, 2023, the trial denied Broadway's motion to reconsider and Reed's motion to vacate on the grounds that it had no jurisdiction due to the pending appeal. A copy of the March 8, 2023 Order is attached as **Exhibit L**.
- 22. On March 13, 2023, Reed filed another notice of appeal, seeking the appeal of the July 23, 2018 Order issuing the tax deed, the January 9, 2023 Order granting an order of possession, and the March 8, 2023 Order denying the parties' motions for lack of jurisdiction. A copy of Reed's second notice of appeal in the 2023 Appeal is attached as **Exhibit M**.
- 23. On July 26, 2023, Broadway filed a motion with the appellate court to set an appeal bond.
- 24. On August 23, 2023, the appellate court in the 2023 Appeal entered an order granting Broadway's request for an appeal bond. A copy of the August 23, 2023 Order is attached as **Exhibit N**.
- 25. The August 23, 2023 Order states that Reed is directed to post an appeal bond September 19, 2023, and his failure to do so will result in a dismissal of the 2023 Appeal. Ex. N.
- 26. On September 19, 2023, Reed filed a motion with the appellate court to vacate the August 23, 2023 Order.
- 27. On September 27, 2023, the appellate court entered an order denying Reed's motion to vacate the August 23, 2023 Order. A copy of the September 27, 2023 Order is attached as **Exhibit O**.
 - 28. Reed did not post the appeal bond by September 19, 2023.
- 29. On September 29, 2023, Reed filed the instant "Petition for Removal" against Defendant, "Illinois Court of Appeals, First District (1-23-0478) on appeal from Circuit Court of

Cook County, Illinois (17COTD3838), et. al." A copy of the Petition for Removal is attached as **Exhibit P**.

- 30. The Petition for Removal alleges that the Illinois appellate and trial courts violated his due process rights under the 5th, 7th, 8th, and 14th Amendments in their rulings in the Tax Case, the 2023 Appeal, Cook County Circuit Court Case Number 2013 CH 28231 ("Foreclosure Case"), and Cook County Circuit Court Case Number 2017 CH 8139, which was consolidated with the Foreclosure Case.
 - 31. Broadway is not named anywhere in the Petition for Removal.
- 32. On October 5, 2023, Broadway filed a motion to dismiss the 2023 Appeal pursuant to the August 23, 2023 Order.
- 33. On October 16, 2023, the appellate court entered an order dismissing the 2023 Appeal. A copy of the October 16, 2023 Order is attached as **Exhibit Q**.
- 34. On October 23, 2023, Reed filed a motion in the 2023 Appeal requesting the appellate court vacate the October 16, 2023 Order.
- 35. On October 30, 2023, the appellate court denied Reed's motion to vacate the October 16, 2023 Order. A copy of the October 30, 2023 Order is attached as **Exhibit R**.
- 36. On December 5, 2023, the appellate court in the 2023 Appeal issued a mandate that the October 16, 2023 Order was a final judgment of the 2023 Appeal. A copy of the December 5, 2023 Mandate is attached as **Exhibit S**.
- 37. On January 17, 2024, Broadway filed a motion to lift the stay of its possession order for the Property following the dismissal of the 2023 Appeal.
- 38. Reed argued in response that the Petition for Removal constituted a removal of the Tax Case and 2023 Appeal and therefore the trial court had no jurisdiction to lift the stay.

- 39. On March 12, 2024, pursuant to Reed's objection, the trial court in the Tax Case maintained the stay and instructed the parties to file briefs regarding the court's jurisdiction. A copy of the March 12, 2024 Order is attached as **Exhibit T**.
- 40. On June 6, 2024, the trial court entered an order stating that the Petition for Removal constituted a removal of the Tax Case to this Court. A copy of the June 6, 2024 Order is attached as **Exhibit U**.

Argument

- I. This Matter Should be Dismissed for Lack of Subject-Matter Jurisdiction Pursuant to the Rooker-Feldman Doctrine.
- 41. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 12(b)(1) states that a party may bring a motion to assert the defense that a claim lacks subject matter jurisdiction. Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(1). In this case, this Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over Reed's Petition for Removal pursuant to the Rooker-Feldman doctrine.
- 42. The United States Supreme Court has held that, "[the Rooker-Feldman] doctrine prohibits federal courts from adjudicating cases brought by state-court losing parties challenging state-court judgments." *Reed v. Goertz*, 598 U.S. 230, 235 (2023). The doctrine states that lower federal courts do not have subject matter jurisdiction to review state court civil decisions. *Edwards v. Illinois Bd. of Admissions to Bar*, 261 F.3d 723, 728 (7th Cir. 2001). "Plaintiffs must instead seek review through the state court system and, if necessary, petition the United States Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari." *Id*.
- 43. Federal courts have held that the doctrine applies to any claims seeking to invalidate a state court's rulings. *See Jakupovic v. Curran*, 850 F.3d 898, 902 (7th Cir. 2017) ("Claims that directly seek to set aside a state court judgment are *de facto* appeals that are barred without further analysis." (emphasis in original)). Federal courts have held that doctrine still applies even if the

face of the federal pleading does not require a review of the state court's decision when the claim is "inextricably intertwined" with the state court's ruling. *Id.* "[T]he crucial point is whether the district court is essentially being called upon to review the state court decision." *Id.* As stated by the court in *Jakupovic*:

Ultimately, the determination hinges on whether the federal claim alleges that the injury was caused by the state court judgment, or alternatively, whether the federal claim alleges an independent prior injury that the state court failed to remedy. If we determine that a claim is inextricably intertwined with a state court judgment—that is, that the former indirectly seeks to set aside the latter—then we must determine whether the plaintiff had a reasonable opportunity to raise the issue in state court proceedings. If so, the claim is barred.

Id. (internal citations and quotations omitted).

- 44. It is irrefutable that Reed's Petition for Removal seeks to set aside every ruling made in the Tax Case, the 2023 Appeal, and the Foreclosure Case for the past six and a half years. As stated in his prayer for relief, Reed seeks, among other things:
 - [A] Declaratory Judgment that all Judgments and Orders of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois entered on or after December 4, 2017 and/or on or after December 7, 2017, are "void ab initio" for violation of the due process requirements of the 5th, 7th, 8th, and 14th [Amendments] to the U.S. Constitution, and Order of Vacatuer with prejudice of all such Judgments and Orders in cases 17COTD3838, 13CH28231, and in case 1-23-0478...

Ex. Q, p. 6.

45. It is clear that Reed's Petition for Removal is nothing more than a *de facto* appeal of various state court rulings which were adverse to Reed. A judgment was entered against Reed in the Tax Case. Reed then appealed that judgment in the 2018 Appeal. However, the 2018 Appeal was ultimately dismissed. When Broadway obtained an order of possession in the Tax Case, Reed appealed again in the 2023 Appeal. Then, after the appellate court in the 2023 Appeal entered an order that was adverse to him, Reed filed the instant Petition for Removal.

- 46. It is clear from Reed's conduct that the Petition for Removal is merely a third attempt to appeal the judgment and orders entered in the Tax Case. Yet, because the First District Illinois Appellate Court already ruled against him twice, he now tries to appeal to the Northern District of Illinois.
- 47. Reed's Petition for Removal does not state an independent claim. Instead, he seeks to set aside and invalidate the Illinois state court rulings by claiming his due process rights were violated by the state courts themselves.
- 48. Regardless of how Reed tries to characterize his Petition for Removal, it is merely an appeal to this federal district court of the Illinois state courts' rulings. Pursuant to the Rooker-Feldman doctrine, this Court lacks subject-matter jurisdiction over this matter. As such, Reed's Petition for Removal should be dismissed with prejudice.

II. Alternatively, this Matter Should Be Remanded for Lack of Subject-Matter Jurisdiction.

- 49. Broadway is not named as a defendant or even mentioned in Reed's Petition for Removal. Instead, Reed's Petition for Removal names Illinois state courts as defendants and asserts a claim that those courts violated his due process rights. Reed's Petition for Removal therefore constitutes an independent lawsuit.
- 50. However, Reed has argued in front of the Illinois state courts that they lack jurisdiction over the Tax Case and the 2023 Appeal because those matters were removed to this Court as a result of his Petition for Removal. United States Code Section 1447 states that, "[i]f at any time before final judgment it appears that the district court lacks subject matter jurisdiction, the case shall be remanded." 28 U.S.C.A. § 1447(c). Should this Court find that Reed's Petition for Removal constitutes an attempt to remove the Tax Case instead of being in independent lawsuit

against the Illinois state courts, this matter should be remanded back to the state courts for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction.

- 51. Reed's Petition for Removal states that this matter is entitled to removal pursuant to United States Code Section 1331. Ex. Q, p. 1. Section 1331 states, "[t]he district courts shall have original jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States." 28 U.S.C.A. § 1331. Reed's Petition for Removal argues that this matter is subject to removal pursuant to federal question jurisdiction because the Illinois state courts in the Tax Case and 2023 Appeal violated his Constitutional rights to due process.
- 52. Without addressing the validity of Reed's due process claims, it is clear that there is no federal question jurisdiction in this case because no federal question was pled in the initial pleading, RDG's Petition for Tax Deed. The United States Supreme Court has held that, "[t]he presence or absence of federal-question jurisdiction is governed by the 'well-pleaded complaint rule,' which provides that federal jurisdiction exists only when a federal question is presented on the face of the plaintiff's properly pleaded complaint." *Caterpillar Inc. v. Williams*, 482 U.S. 386, 392 (1987). The Supreme Court further states that a plaintiff, "may avoid federal jurisdiction by exclusive reliance on state law." *Id*.
- 53. The complaint that initiated the Tax Case and 2023 Appeal was the Petition for Tax Deed filed by RDG in 2017. The well-pleaded complaint rule states that, in order for this matter to be removed for federal question jurisdiction, the Petition for Tax Deed must present a federal question on its face. Yet, a review of the Petition for Tax Deed shows no federal question whatsoever. Rather, the Petition for Tax Deed relies solely on Illinois statutory law regarding property taxes. Ex. A, p. 2. With no indication of any federal question being presented in the

Petition for Tax Deed, Reed is not entitled to remove the Tax Case and 2023 Appeal to federal

court.

54. Additionally, Reed's Petition for Removal does not even argue that the Petition for

Tax Deed presented a federal question. Instead, Reed's Petition for Removal argues solely that

this Court has federal question jurisdiction over the Tax Case and 2023 Appeal because of the

Illinois state court's violation of his due process rights. This does not provide this Court with

federal question jurisdiction under the well-pleaded complaint rule. Therefore, the removal of this

matter was improper and this matter should be remanded back to the Illinois state courts.

Conclusion

55. Reed's Petition for Removal is nothing more than a de facto appeal of the state

court rulings in the Tax Case and 2023 Appeal. As such, it should be dismissed pursuant to the

Rooker-Feldman doctrine.

56. Alternatively, this case should be remanded for lack of federal question jurisdiction

pursuant to the well-pleaded complaint rule.

WHEREFORE, third-party intervenor, Broadway Irving Park LLC, respectfully requests

this Court dismiss the Petition for Removal filed by Plaintiff, James Reed, pursuant to Rule

12(b)(1), or in the alternative remand this matter to state court, and for any other relief this Court

deems just.

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EXHIBIT A

County Division Action Cover Sheet

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, COUNTY DIVISION

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COUNTY DIVISION ACTION COVER SHEET

A County Division Action Cover Sheet shall be filed with the complaint in all civil actions. The information contained herein is for administrative purposes only and cannot be introduced into evidence. Please select the appropriate general category and then check the subcategory thereunder, if applicable, that best characterizes your action.

MENTAL HEALTH PROCEEDINGS:	Actions relating to Collectors Application for Judgment and Order of Sale (35 II.CS 200/21-175)
□ 0003 Petition for Involuntary Commitment/Treatment	□ 0012 Annual Tax Sale
under Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities Code	□ 0013 Scavenger Tax Sale
(Mental Health 405 ILCS 5/1-100 et seq.)	□ 0045 Certificates of Error
Jury Demand ☐ Yes ☐ No	□ 0042 Petition to Vacate Tax Sale
□ 0011 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus	□ 0051 Real Estate Tax Refund \
□ 0010 Petition to review records of treatment under the	□ 0040 Special Assessment
Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities Code	ELECTION MATTERS:
(Mental Health 405 ILCS 5/1-100 et seq.)	□ 0021 Review of Actions of an Electoral Board (10 ILCS 5/10-
ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS:	10.1)
Petition for Adoption (750 ILCS 50/1 et seq.)	□ 0022 Election Contest as authorized under Article of the
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□ 0007 Adult adoption	an electoral board
□ 0029 Petition to Establish Putative Father Identification	☐ Other:
(750 ILCS 50/12a)	OTHER ACTIONS;
☐ 0002 Petition for Appointment of a Confidential Intermediary	□ 0014 Action brought under the Emancipation of Minors Act
(750 ILCS 50/18.3a)	(750 II.CS 30/1 et seq.)
□ 0034 Action brought under the Abandoned New Born Infant	□ 0015 Petition seeking judicial approval of an underage marriage
Act (325 ILCS 2/1 et seq.)	(750 ILCS 5/208 et seq.)
□ Other:	□ 0037 Action brought under the Estray and Lost Property Act
REAL ESTATE TAX MATTERS:	(765 II.CS 1020/0.01 et seq.)
□ 0031 Actions to Collect Unpaid Tax/Tax Sale Bid	□ 0073 Petition to collect Estate Tax
□ 0041 Administrative Review of Decision of the Property Tax	□ 0038 Petition seeking Annexation to a taxing body
Appeal Board (35 ILCS 200/16-195)	□ 0039 Petition seeking Disconnection from a taxing body
Tax Objection Complaints (35 ILCS 200/23-15)	□ 0056 Petition seeking commitment/treatment/isolation of
O024 Valuation Complaint	persons infected with a contagious disease (20 ILCS
☐ 0025 Tax Rate Complaint	2305/2) 0017 Action concerning the operation of Drainage Districts
□ 0033 Action Seeking Payment from the Indemnity Fund	(70 ILCS 605/1-1 et seq.)
(35 II.CS 200/21-305)	□ 0018 Action brought under Article 14 of the School Code
■ 0026 Petition for Tax Deed and Related Proceedings (including	(105 II.CS 5/14-1 et seq.)
petitions brought under 735 II.CS 5/2-1401)	☐ 0046 Civil Asset Forfeiture
O027 Petition to Expunge Redemption	□ 0049 Petition to Change Name
□ 0028 Petition for Relief Prior to Filing of Petition for Tax Deed	□ 0047 Administrative Filing (Mechanic Lien)
Hearing Date on Take Notice	□ 0055 Gestational Surrogacy
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Calcidat 0, 7:30 a.iii.	□ 0074 Child of Assisted Reproduction
	□ Other:
	By:
	■ Atty. No.: 43216 □ Pro Sc 99500
Primary Email: kevin@skalniklaw.com	Secondary Email: karly@skalniklaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT -- COUNTY DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	21-116
OF THE COUNTY TREASURER AND EX-)	3/21/18
OFFICIO COUNTY COLLECTOR OF COOK)	
COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR ORDER OF)	
JUDGMENT AND SALE AGAINST REAL)	No.
ESTATE RETURNED DELINQUENT FOR)	
THE NONPAYMENT OF GENERAL TAXES)	Certificate No.: 13-0002359
FOR THE YEAR 2013)	
)	
PETITIONER: RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC)	

PETITION FOR TAX DEED

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE[S] OF SAID COURT:

Now comes RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC, Petitioner, by Kevin Skalnik, its attorney, and states as follows:

1. The following described real estate was sold at the sale of lands and lots for nonpayment of general taxes and/or special assessments for the year(s) 2013 pursuant to the judgment and order of saleon the above a titled County Collector's application for judgment and order of sale, and your Petitioner is the owner and header. The Certificate of Purchase issued pursuant thereto, a true and correct copy of which is attached bereto as Exhibit A, to wit:

See Exhibit B attached (Legal Description)

Permanent Index Number: 12-36-300-088-0000

- 2. The said parcel of real estate has not been redeemed from said tax sale as of the date of filing this petition.
- 3. Upon compliance with all of the provisions of law relating thereto, Petitioner will be entitled to the entry of an order directing the County Clerk to issue a tax deed conveying the said parcel of real estate to Petitioner unless redemption is made within the time and in the manner provided by law.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioner prays that an Order be entered finding:

(a) That the Court may enter an order directing the County Clerk to issue a tax deed conveying the above described parcel of real estate to Petitioner if said parcel of real estate shall not be redeemed within the time and in the manner provided by law.

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- (b) That the Court may enter such orders and issue such writs as may be necessary or desirable to maintain Petitioner or its assigns as grantee of said tax deed in possession of said parcel of real estate.
- (c) Petitioner further asks that if the Court should find that Petitioner shall have failed to comply with the requirements of Section 22-5 through 22-35 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/22-5 through 200/22-35), said sale(s) be ordered a sale in error and the sale price and all subsequently paid taxes and all costs be refunded to your Petitioner in accordance with Section 22-50 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/22-50).
- (d) That the Court may enter such other and further orders as may be just and proper in the premises.

RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC, Petitioner

Its Attorney - Kevin Skalnik

Kevin Skalnik Law Office of Kevin A. Skalnik, P.C. 30 S. Wacker Dr., Ste. 1635 Chicago, IL 60606

Office: (312) 698-3595 Fax: (312) 827-9524 Attny. No. 43216

Kevine skalnik law.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS) ss

CERTIFICATE NUMBER 13-0002359

-- CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE --

FOR GENERAL TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, A.D. 2013, ETC

I, DAVID D. ORR, County Clerk in and for the County and State aforesaid

DD HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC did, on the day hereinafter set
forth, purchase at Public Auction, at the Court House in CHICAGO, the property designated by
PERMANENT REAL ESTATE NUMBER 12-36-300-088-0000, situated in said County for
the taxes, interest and costs due and unpaid thereon for the tax year 2013 and prior and paid
as purchase money on said property the total amount of taxes, interest and costs thereon as
stated herein.

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Received this 09 day of NOVEMBER , 2015 , the sum of \$ 5,414.41 the amount of the purchase money on the above property.

If the aforesaid property is not redeemed in the manner and within the time provided by law, the above-named purchaser, his heirs or assigns, will, upon application and compliance with the provisions of law pertaining thereto, be entitled to receive a deed of conveyance for said real estate herein described by said permanent index number; provided that unless the holder of this certificate shall take out said deed, as entitled by law, and file same for record within one year from and after expiration of the time of redemption, the said certificate or deed, and the sale upon which it is based, shall from and after the expiration of one year, be absolutely null.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal at CHICAGO in said County this O9 day of NGVEMBER, A.D., 2015

Assessee:

Countersigned:

County Treasurer and Ex-Officio Collector
of Cook County

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County Clerk of Cook

EXHIBIT

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THIS DOCUMENT HAS A COLORED BACKGROUND, ANY ERASURES VOID THIS CERTIFIC

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

LOT 4 IN COUNTRY CLUB WOODLANDS, INC., A SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 8 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN ILLINOIS

PIN: 12-36-300-088-0000



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EXHIBIT B

Application for an Order Directing the County Clerk To Issue Tax Deed

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, COUNTY DIVISION

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IN THE MAT	TER OF APPLICATION	, ETC.)		Tuly 18,	
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Skalnik, its at	comes RDG Fund-5 LNS torney, and applies for an n support thereof, Petition	Order Directing	County C		Tax Deed and	and Gay 24
1.	Date of Tax Sale:	August 3, 201	5		7,50 10,85 1	
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3.	Name of Purchaser: RI	OG Fund-5 LNS	SLLC			
٠	Certificate of Purchase	has been assign	ed as follo	ws:		
4.	Certificate of Purchase	Number:	13-0002	359		
	A copy of the certificat	e is attached as	Exhibit "A	·".		
5.	Permanent (Property) I	ndex Number:	12-36-30	00-088-0000		
6.	Property Located at:	7942 W. Cou	nty Club I	Ln., Elmwood	l Park, IL 60	707
7.	Petition for Tax Deed f	iled on: Novem	ber 7, 201	17		
	Amended Petition for T	Tax Deed filed o	n:	N/A		
8.	The original period of a	redemption expi	red on: Fe	ebruary 8, 20)18	
	The period of redempti	on was extended	d. The per	iod of redem	ption, as exten	ded,
	expired on: March 7,	2018				

Copies of all extensions of the period of redemption are attached hereto as Group Exhibit "B".

- 9. The name and address of the party in whose name the taxes were last assessed as shown by the most recent tax collector's warrant books on the date the notice required by 35 ILCS 200/22-5 was Cazares Pablo, 7942 W. County Club Ln., Elmwood Park, IL 60707. Notice required by said Section of the Property Tax Code was delivered to the County Clerk for mailing on December 9, 2015. A copy of said Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- 10. The parties who are owners, occupants and parties interested in the subject property are as follows:

Occupant

Pablo Cazares

7942 Country Club, Inc., c/o The Tracy Firm, Ltd.

CHI4005 LLC, c/o Martin Flores

CHI4005 LLC, c/o Secretary of State Jesse White

7942 Country Club, Inc., c/o Jeff Nelson

Adrian Ruiz

David D. Orr, County Clerk for Cook County

A copy of the evidence of search of public records is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

11. The Sheriff's Notice required by 35 ILCS 200/22-10 is attached hereto as Exhibit "E". The Sheriff's returns of service indicate the following:

Name of Party	Address of Service	Manner and Date of Service
Occupant	7942 W. Country Club Ln.,	No Service
	Elmwood Park, IL 60707	
Pablo Cazares	7942 W. Country Club Ln.,	No Service
	Elmwood Park, IL 60707	

7942 Country Club, Inc., c/o The Tracy Firm, Ltd.	800 W. Fifth Ave., Ste. 201A, Naperville, IL 60563	Service by Certified Mail on 11/7/17
CHI4005 LLC, c/o Martin Flores	2103 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60639	No Service
CHI4005 LLC, c/o Secretary of State Jesse White	69 W. Washington St., #1240, Chicago, IL 60602	Corporate Service on Sue Fu on 12/5/17
7942 Country Club, Inc., c/o Jeff Nelson	312 Busse Hwy., Park Ridge, IL 60068	No Service
Adrian Ruiz	7942 W. Country Club Ln., Elmwood Park, IL 60707	No Service
David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk	69 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602	Corporate Service on Ruth Coyle on 11/13/17

The Clerk's Notice required by 35 ILCS 200/22-25 was placed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County. A copy of said notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "F".

- 12. The Publication Notice required by 35 ILCS 200-22-20 was published in the Chicago Law Bulletin, a newspaper in Cook County, Illinois November 14th, 15th, 16th, 2017. A copy of the Certificate of Publication is attached hereto as Exhibit "G".
- 13. The subject property was inspected by Petitioner or a person acting as their agent during the notice serving period. The person who inspected the subject property will testify at the hearing on the Λpplication. The subject property is a **Two**Story Residence.
 - [] Inspector did not photograph the subject property;
 - [] A photograph that truly and accurately portrays the subject property on the date the photograph was taken is attached hereto as Exhibit __.
 - [X] A photograph is not attached.
- 14. The following general taxes arising subsequent to the sale of the property are as follows 2013-2017 Annual Taxes and will be paid prior to the entry of the Order requested by this Application.
- 15. The following are the amount outstanding claimed advances of public funds under the police powers of any municipality which must be reimbursed pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/22-35 prior to the issuance of the Order requested:

Municipality Document No. Face Amount of Claim for Lien

N/A

WHEREFORE, RDG Fund-5 LNS LLC, Petitioner applies for the entry of an Order

Directing County Clerk to Issue Tax Deed and for Other Relief.

RDG Fund-5 LNS LLC

3y:____

Kevin Skalnik

Law Office of Kevin A. Skalnik 30 South Wacker Drive Suite 1635 Chicago, IL 60606 (773) 386-8188 #43216 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF COOK)

CERTIFICATE NUMBER 13-0002359

-- CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE --

FOR GENERAL TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, A.D. 2013 . ETC.

I, DAVID D. ORR, County Clerk in and for the County and State aforesaid — DD HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC did. on the day hereinafter set forth, purchase at Public Auction, at the Court House in CHICAGO, the property designated by PERMANENT REAL ESTATE NUMBER 12-36-300-088-0000, situated in said County for the taxes, interest and costs due and unpaid thereon for the tax year 2013 and prior and paid as purchase money on said property the total amount of taxes, interest and costs thereon as stated herein.

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WITNESS my hand and the official seal at CHICAGO in said County this **09** day of **NOVEMBER** , A.D., 2015

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Case: 1:23-cv-14321 Document #: 30 Filed: 07/10/24 Page 33 of 121 PageID #:106 .STATE OF ILLINOIS)						
COUNTY OF COOK) SS:						
NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF REDEMPTION						
YEAR SOLD: 2013						
YEAR SOLD: 2013						
VOLUME: 72						
CERTIFICATE OF SALE NO. 13-0002359						
PROPERTY INDEX NO. 12-36-300-088-0000						
DATE OF SALE: August 3, 2015						
EXTENDED REDEMPTION DATE: February 8, 2018						
TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:						
KEVIN SKALNIK, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:						

- 1. He is the attorney for the owner and holder of the Certificate of Sale for the Tax Sale above mentioned covering the above-stated Volume and Property Index Number.
- 2. Affiant further deposes and says that the owner and holder of said Certificate of Sale does hereby extend the time of redemption to and including the date indicated above in accordance with the provisions of the Property Tax Code.

Law Office of Kevin A. Skalnik, P.C. 30 South Wacker Drive **Suite 1635** Chicago, Illinois 60606 312-698-3595 Attorney Number 6290775 Tax Buyer: RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC This Notice was served upon the County Clerk Cook County On ______

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30 South Wacker Drive Suite 1635 Chicago, Illinois 60606 312-698-3595 Attorney Number 6290775 Tax Buyer: RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC



·CAZARES PABLO 7942 W COUNTRY CLUB LN ELMWOOD PK, IL 60707

TAKE NOTICE

COUNTY OF COOK

Date Premises Sold August 3, 2015

Certificate No. 13-0002359

Co. Ck. Notices (\$13.40)+4.00=\$17.44 DEC 0.9 2015

Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) NOT APPLICABLE and Special Assessment Number NOT APPLICABLE

Warrant No. NONE

Installment No. NONE

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located At: 7942 W COUNTRY CLUB LN, ELMWOOD PARK, IL 60707

Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-36-300-088-0000

Volume 72

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes, and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on February 08, 2018.

This notice is also to advise you that a petition will be filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before February 08, 2018.

At the date of this notice, the total amount which you must pay in order to redeem the above property is \$19,294.75.

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY

Redemption may be made at any time on or before February 08, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk at, 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

The above amount is subject to increase at six-month intervals from the date of sale. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. Payment must be made by certified check, cashier's check, money order or in cash.

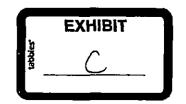
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK.

ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602

TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645

RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC

Dated this 9 th day of December 2015



RIDGE TITLE AGENCY

ADDRESS:

7942 W. COUNTRY CLUB LANE

CLIENT: RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC

ELMWOOD PARK

PROPERTY TAX:

12-36-300-088-0000

LAST GRANTEE OF RECORD:

7942 COUNTRY CLUB INC.

REF: X

TAX INFORMATION:

2013 TAXES SOLD TO RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC @ 0% ON 08/03/2015 FOR \$5,414.41; CERTIFICATE NO. 13-2359; ADDED 2014 1ST \$6883.88, 2014 2ND \$5,482.10, 2015 1ST \$6,401.41, 2015 2ND \$5,556.80 & 2016 1ST

\$6,568.32; REDEMPTION EXTENDED TO 02/08/2018

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 4 IN COUNTRY CLUB WOODLANDS, INC., A SUBDIVISION OF THE

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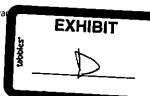
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SEARCH DATE: 06-22-17

FEE:

\$110.00

Ridge Title Agency is covered by an Errors and Omissions Policy-for details contact the company. This search should not be construed as Title Insura Insurance Policy, although this search is covered by an Errors and Omissions Policy for your protection.



NOTICE TO ORIGINAL OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, (COUNTY DIVISION), ILLINOIS

Tax Deed No. 2017 CoTD 003838

Filed October 31, 2017

TAKE NOTICE

County of Cook
Date Premises Sold: August 3, 2015
Certificate No. 13-0002359
Sold for General Taxes of 2013
Sold for Special Assessment of [Not Applicable]

Warrant No.: [Not Applicable] Installment No.: [Not Applicable]

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Location: 7942 W COUNTRY CLUB LN, ELMWOOD PARK, IL 60707

Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-36-300-088-0000

Volume 72

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on March 7, 2018.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignce pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed that will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before March 7, 2018.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, Room 1704 (Calendar 8) on March 21, 2018 at 9:30 A.M.

You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY

Redemption can be made at any time on or before March 7, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AT

ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602

TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645

RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC, Tax Purchaser or Assignee

Clerk of the Circuit Court



DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY MAIL TO FOLLOWING PERSONS

Occupant

7942 W. Country Club Ln., Elmwood Park, IL 60707

Pablo Cazares

7942 Country Club, Inc., c/o The Tracy Firm, Ltd. 800 W. Fifth Ave., Stc. 201A, Naperville, IL 60563

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7942 W. Country Club Ln., Elmwood Park, IL 60707 7942 Country Club, Inc. c/o Jeff Nelson 310 Busse Hwy, Park Ridge, IL 60068

> Adrian Ruiz 7942 W. Country Club Ln., Elmwood Park, IL 60707



Certificate of Mailing

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PETITION OF: RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC))) Case No. 2017 CoTD 003838)
	f Cook County, in and for said County, in the State of Illinois, do hereby mail, postage prepaid, a Notice, a copy of which is hereto attached, addressed as follows:
One copy to each of the following:	
Occupant 7942 W. Country Club Ln., Elmwood Park, IL 60707 Pablo Cazares 7942 W. Country Club Ln., Elmwood Park, IL 60707 7942 Country Club, Inc., c/o The Tracy Firm, Ltd. 800 W. Fifth Avc., Stc. 201A, Naperville, IL 60563 CHI4005 LLC c/o Martin Flores 2103 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60639	CHI4005 LLC c/o Secretary of State Jesse White 69 W. Washington St., #1240, Chicago, IL 60602 7942 Country Club, Inc. c/o Jeff Nelson 310 Busse Hwy, Park Ridge, IL 60068 Adrian Ruiz 7942 W. Country Club Ln., Elmwood Park, IL 60707
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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK	OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

EXHIBIT "A"

11/1/2017, 1:12 PM

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

Case No. 2017COTD003838

12-36-300-088-0000

LAW BULLETIN MEDIA

does hereby certify that it is the publisher of

CHICAGO DAILY LAW BULLETIN

that said CHICAGO DAILY LAW BULLETIN is a secular newspaper that has been published DAILY in the city of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, continuously for more than one year prior to the first date of publication of the notice, appended, that it is of general circulation throughout said County and state, that it is a newspaper as defined in "An Act to revise the law in relation to notices," as amended, Illinois Compiled Statutes (715 ILCS 5/1 & 5/5), and that the notice appended was published in the said CHICAGO DAILY LAW BULLETIN on Nov 14, 15, 16, 2017

In witness thereof, the undersigned has caused this certificate to be signed and its corporate seal affixed at Chicago, Illinois.

November 16, 2017

LAW BULLETIN MEDIA

By WLLETIN SEAL

TO: PABLO CAZARES; 7942 COUNTRY Club, Inc., c/o The Tracy Firm, Ltd.; CH14005 LLC c/o Martin Flores; CH14005 LLC c/o Secretary of State Jesse White; 7942 Country Club, Inc. c/o !eff Nelson; Adrian Ruiz; David D. Orr, County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described: claimants, decree creditors. judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties Interested in said real estate.

TAX DEED NO. 2017COTDC03838 FILED October 31, 2017 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: August 3, 2015 Certificate No. 13-0002359 Sold for General Taxes of 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of Imunicipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [N/A] Installment No. (N/A) THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located At: 7942 W Country Club Ln, Elmwood Park, IL 60707. Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-36-300-088-0000 Volume 72

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on March 7, 2018.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

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LOSS OF PROPERTY

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT

EXHIBIT

Case #: 2017COTD003838 Notice#: LTS3067107

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THE COUNTY CLERK
Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room
434, Chicago, IL 60502
312 603-3645
By: Purchaser or Assignee
RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC
312-698-3595
LTS3067107
Nov 14, 15, 16, 2017

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
                          )ss:
       COUNTY OF COOK
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          IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
               COUNTY DEPARTMENT, COUNTY DIVISION
      IN THE MATTER OF THE
     APPLICATION OF THE COUNTY
     TREASURER AND EX-OFFICIO
     COUNTY COLLECTOR OF COOK
                                           ILED
Co-1701
     COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR
                                           JUL 23 2018
     JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF SALE
    AGAINST LANDS REAL ESTATE
                                  )
    RETURNED DELINQUENT FOR THE
    NON-PAYMENT OF GENERAL TAXES )
                                  )No.
                                       2017 COTD 003838
    FOR THE YEAR 2013
   AND PRIOR YEARS,
   RDG FUND-5 LNS, LLC,
                 Petitioner.
            REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS at the hearing of
  the above-entitled case, before the Honorable
  Laguina Clay-Herron, Judge of said Court, at the
  Richard J. Daley Center, Room 1704, on the 14th day
 of June, 2018, at the hour of 11:01 o'clock a.m.
 PRESENT:
           MR. KEVIN SKALNIK
           30 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1635
           Chicago, Illinois 60606
              Appearing for Petitioner.
REPORTED BY:
              Margaret E. Mecklenborg, CSR
LICENSE NO .:
              084-004495
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(Whereupon, the following proceedings were held in open court:)

THE CLERK: 2017 COTD 3838.

THE COURT: Thank you.

MR. SKALNIK: Good morning, your Honor. Kevin Skalnik on behalf of petitioner, RDG Fund-5 LNS, LLC. This is a prove-up for Certificate Number 13-0002359 which was sold on August 3rd, 2015 at the 2013 Annual Tax Sale. It pertains to Permanent Index Number 12-36-300-080-0000. It is for the tax year 2013.

I tender to the Court the original
Certificate which has not been assigned and ask
leave to withdraw it in lieu of the copy attached
to the application.

THE COURT: Thank you. The Court viewed the original Certificate of Purchase. There is no assignment on back. Tendered same. Leave is granted to substitute.

MR. SKALNIK: Thank you, your Honor. There were three extensions filed in this case. The first one extending the redemption date -- or two



extensions actually. Two extensions in this case. The first one extending the redemption date to February 8th, 2018 and the second one extending it to the final and ultimate date of March 7th, 2018.

I tender to the Court the two original green-stamped extensions and ask leave to withdraw them in lieu of the copies attached to the application.

THE COURT: Thank you. The Court viewed two original notices of extensions each bearing the green stamp. Tendered same. Leave is granted to substitute.

MR. SKALNIK: Thank you, your Honor. On December 9th, 2015, a 22-5 Take Notice was delivered to the Clerk to be mailed to the last tax assessee of record, a Cazares Pablo, C-a-z-a-r-e-s, at 7942 West Country Club Lane, Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707.

I tender to the Court the original green-stamped take notice and ask leave to withdraw it in lieu of a copy attached to the application.

THE COURT: Thank you. The Court viewed the original 22-5 Take Notice bearing the green stamp and tendered same. Leave is granted to substitute.



Thank you, your Honor. At this MR. SKALNIK: 1 time if I could introduce my witness and have him 2 sworn in to testify. 3 THE COURT: You may. 4 THE WITNESS: Good morning, Judge. 5 THE COURT: Good morning. Please, raise your 6 right hand. 7 (Witness sworn.) 8 RONALD OHR, 9 called as a witness herein, having been first duly 10 sworn. was examined and testified as follows: 11 DIRECT EXAMINATION 12 BY MR. SKALNIK: 13 Please, state and spell your name for the Q. 14 record. 15 Ronald Ohr, O-h-r. 16 Α. Are you familiar with parcel 17 Q. 12-36-300-088-0000, commonly known as 7942 West 18 Country Club Lane, Elwood Park, Illinois 60707? 19 Yes, I am. Α. 20 Did you inspect the property between 21 Q. September 7, 2017 and December 7, 2017? 22 Α. Yes, I did. 23 Could you tell the Court what you 24 Q.



inspected at the property, what type of property it is and if you made contact with anybody at the property?

A. It's a two-story single-family residence all on a residential block and I went there on two different occasions and on both times there was no answer. It's possibly occupied but I did not see any names or any mail in the mailbox.

BY THE COURT:

- Q. Do you happen to recall the two dates that you inspected the property?
- A. I do not, Judge. I just marked on there two visits.
 - Q. Okay. That was in the year 2017?
 - A. Correct.
- Q. Thank you. And you said it's possibly occupied?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. What made you think that?
- A. The grass was cut, you know, and everything was not manicured but it seemed like someone was looking after it.
 - Q. It was maintained?
 - A. And the mail was being taken in.



- Q. Okay. And were you able to leave a card or notice?
- A. I did. I actually have a form letter with the urgency to redeem, David Orr's information and also my phone number is on it to call for tax information.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Ohr. No further questions.

MR. SKALNIK: Thank you. In addition to the physical inspection, a tract search was obtained to determine record owners. At this time I could read into the record the parties served or attempted to be served or would the Court like to take judicial notice?

THE COURT: You can just read the names. You don't have to give the dates of service but just read into the record the names of the interested parties.

MR. SKALNIK: Very well. Occupant; Pablo Cazares; 7942 Country Club, Inc., care of the Tracy Firm, Limited; CHI4005, LLC, care of Martin Flores; CHI4005, LLC, care of Secretary of State Jesse White; 7942 Country Club, Inc., care of Jeff Nelson; Adrian Ruiz, R-u-i-z; and David D. Orr,

County Clerk for County Clerk.

THE COURT: Thank you, Counselor.

MR. SKALNIK: Thank you, your Honor. In addition to service through the Sheriff and Clerk, notice was published in the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin on November 14th, 15th and 16th, 2017.

I tender to the Court a copy of the Certificate of Publication and ask leave to withdraw it in lieu of the copy attached to the application.

THE COURT: Thank you. The Court viewed the original Certificate of Publication as issued by the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin. Tendered same. Leave is granted to substitute.

MR. SKALNIK: Thank you, your Honor. At this time I'd like to ask that all the Sheriff's returns and Clerk's returns that are attached to the application and included in the court file be admitted into evidence.

THE COURT: They will be received and made part of the record.

MR. SKALNIK: And I would have nothing further, your Honor, but to at a later date submit an order directing issuance of a tax deed, as well as a



transcript with proof of subsequent taxes paid and the original Certificate. THE COURT: Thank, Counselor. This matter will be taken under advisement. Thank you. MR. SKALNIK: (Which were all proceedings had in the above-entitled cause at this time.) (Proceedings concluded at 11:06 a.m.)



STATE OF ILLINOIS) 1)ss: COUNTY OF COOK) 2 3 MARGARET E. MECKLENBORG, being first duly sworn, on oath says that she is the court reporter who took down in shorthand the evidence given in 4 the above-entitled cause, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of all the evidence 5 6 Margaret E. Mecklinborg 7 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO 8 before me this 15th daylof June) 9 2018. Official Seal Cary L Villasenor aru 10 Notary Public State of Illinois My Commission Expires 07/15/2018 Notary public 11 12 STATE OF ILLINOIS) 13)ss: COUNTY OF COOK) 14 15 KEVIN SKALNIK, being first duly sworn, says that he appeared for the Petitioner in the above-entitled cause; that he has read the 16 foregoing Report of Proceedings, and that the same is, to the best of his recollection and belief, a 17 true and correct transcript of all the evidence 18 19 20 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO 21 before me this OFFICIAL SEAL 22 day of ___ LNY ., 2018. **ADDYY MONTENEGRO** 23 Notary Public - State of Illinois My Commission Expires 9/22/2019 Notary (Public 24

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ORDER DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED

This matter coming on to be heard upon the Petition and Application of **RDG Fund-5 LNS LLC** seeking an order on said Petition that a Tax Deed Issue, and upon proofs and exhibits heard and offered in open court; and the Court having heard the statements of the witness and the arguments and the Court being fully advised in the premises, FINDS:

- 1. That it has jurisdiction of the subject matter hereof and of all parties hereto.
- 2. That the tax sale Notices, copies of which are attached to and made part of said Application filed herein, were served in the matter and within the time required by Sections 22-5 through 22-25, inclusive of the Property Tax Code, upon the persons entitled to such notice.
- 3. That all person entitled thereto have had due notice of the filing and the time of hearing upon this petition herein.
- 4. That the real estate hereinafter described has not been redeemed from the Sale of **August 3, 2015**, pursuant to the judgment for sale as provided herein and sections 21-350 and 21-355 of the Property Tax Code, and that for such redemption expired on **March 7, 2018**.
- 5. That all general Taxes and special assessments which have become due and payable subsequent to said sale have been paid and all forfeitures and sales which occurred subsequent thereto have been redeemed.
- 6. That any delinquent or forfeited taxes for prior years that were not included in this tax sale or were sold but the sale was in error or were voiced or canceled and as a consequence those prior tax years opened up again, are hereby merged into this tax sale and order for tax deed.
- 7. That all the material allegations of said petition are true; that the Petitioner has fully complied with all the Statutes and the Constitution of the State of Illinois relating to sales of real estate for



taxes and the issuance of tax deeds pursuant thereto, and is thereto entitled to a deed of conveyance vesting in Petitioner the title in fee simple to the hereinafter described real estate and every part thereof.

8. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that DAVID D. ORR, County Clerk of Cook County, do forthwith make, execute, and deliver to the Petitioner, **RDG Fund-5 LNS LLC**, upon the surrender to said County Clerk of the Certificate of Purchase delivered to the original purchaser, a good sufficient deed conveying to the Petitioner, **RDG Fund-5 LNS LLC**, all of the following real estate, to wit:

LOT 4 IN COUNTRY CLUB WOODLANDS, INC., A SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 8 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Permanent Index Number:

12-36-300-088-0000

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court reserves jurisdiction of the cause for the purpose of issuing any Orders of Possession to place and maintain said Petitioner in possession of said real estate as may be necessary or desirable, and further, this Court expressly finds, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 304(a), that there is no reason for just delaying the enforcement of this Order or the appeal therefrom.

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Law Office of Kevin A. Skalnik, P.C. Kevin Skalnik 30 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1635

Chicago, Illinois 60606 Phone: (312) 698-3595 Fax: (312) 827-9524 Attny No. 43216 Circuit Court-1943

CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE 13-0002359. NOT CANCELLED OR REDEEMED BALE DATE AUGUST 3, 2015

Redemption date extended to <u>MARCH 1, 2018</u>: by affidavit of purchaser DAVID D. ORR, County Clerk
By: B.)

EXHIBIT E

TAX DEED-REGULAR FORM

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COOK COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS

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At a PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE for the NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES held in the County of Cook on August 3, 2015, the County Collector sold the real estate identified by permanent real estate index number 12-36-300-088-0000 and legally described as follows:

LOT 4 IN COUNTRY CLUB WOODLANDS, INC., A SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 8 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

And commonly known as 7942 West Country Club Lane, Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707

And the real estate not having been redeemed from the sale, and it appearing that the holder of the Certificate of Purchase of said real estate has complied with the laws of the State of Illinois, necessary to entitle him to a Deed of said real estate, as found and ordered by the Circuit Court of Cook County;

I, DAVID D. ORR, County Clerk of the County of Cook, Illinois, 118 N. Clark Street, Rm. 434, Chicago, Illinois, in consideration of the premises and by virtue of the statutes of the State of Illinois in such cases provided, grant and convey to RDG Fund-5 LNS LLC, residing and having his (her or their) residence and post office address at 30 South Wacker Drive, #1635, Chicago, Illinois 60606, his (her or their) heirs and assigns FOREVER, the said Real Estate hereinabove described.

The following provision of the Compiled Statutes of the State of Illinois, being 35 ILCS 200/22-85, is recited, pursuant to law:

"Unless the holder of the certificate purchased at any tax sale under this Code takes out the deed in the time provided by law, and records the same within one year from and after the time for redemption expires, the certificate or deed, and the sale on which it is based, shall, after the expiration of the one year period, be absolutely void with no right to reimbursement. If the holder of the certificate is prevented from obtaining a deed by injunction or order of any court, or by the refusal or inability of any court to act upon the application for a tax deed, or by the refusal of the clerk to execute the same deed, the time he or she is so prevented shall be excluded from computation of the one year period."

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Village of Elmwood Park Real Estate Transfer Stamp

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In the matter of the application of the County Treasurer for Order of Judgment and Sale against Realty,

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STATEMENT BY GRANTOR AND GRANTEE

The grantor or his agent affirms that, to the best of his knowledge, the name of the grantee shown on the deed or assignment of beneficial interest in a land trust is either a natural person, an Illinois corporation or foreign corporation authorized to do business or acquire and hold title to real estate in Illinois, a partnership authorized to do business or acquire and hold title to real estate in Illinois, or other entity recognized as a person and authorized to do business or acquire title to real estate under the laws of the State of Illinois.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said David D. Orr day of White State of Illinois hy Commission Expires Mar 21, 2022

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The grantee or his agent affirms and verifies that the name of the grantee shown on the deed or assignment of beneficial interest in a land trust is either a natural person, and Illinois corporation or foreign corporation or foreign corporation authorized to do business or acquire and hold title to real estate in Illinois a partnership authorized to do business or acquire and hold title to real estate in Illinois, or other entity recognized as a person and authorized to do business or acquire and hold title to real estate under the laws of the State of Illinois.

Dated July 27, 2017 Signature:

Grantee or Agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said ADDYY MONTENEGRO Notary Public - State of Illinois My Commission Expires 9/22/2019

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NOTE: Any person who knowingly submits a false statement concerning the identity of a grantee shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor for the first offense and of a Class A misdemeanor for subsequent offenses.

(Attach to deed or ABI to be recorded in Cook County, Illinois, if exempt under the provisions of Section 4 of the Illinois Real Estate Transfer Tax Act.)

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I understand that a "Request for Preparation of Record on Appeal" form (CCA 0025) must be completed and the initial payment of \$110 made prior to the preparation of the Record on Appeal. The Clerk's Office will not begin preparation of the ROA until the Request form and payment are received. Failure to request preparation of the ROA in a timely manner, i.e., at least 30 days before the ROA is due to the Appellate Court, may require the Appellant to file a request for extension of time with the Appellate Court. A "Request for Preparation of Supplemental Record on Appeal" form (CCA 0023) must be completed prior to the preparation of the Supplemental ROA.

To be signed by Appellant or Appellant's Attorney

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James Reed

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EXHIBIT G

1-18-1836

IN THE APPELLATE COURT, STATE OF ILLINOIS FIRST DISTRICT

RDG FUND-5 LNS, LLC., RON OHR and UNKNOWN TAX DEED PETITIONER(S), Plaintiffs-Appellees, V. Trial Court No.: 17COTD3838

JAMES REED, TRUSTEE, 7942 COUNTRY CLUB IRRV TRUST, 7942 COUNTRY CLUB INC., Defendants-Appellants.

ORDER

This cause having come before the Court on the Court's own motion, the Court finding that the appellant has failed to file the Record on Appeal within the time prescribed by Supreme Court Rule 326;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case is DISMISSED FOR WANT OF PROSECUTION.

ORDER ENTERED

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EXHIBIT H



CLERK'S OFFICE APPELLATE COURT FIRST DISTRICT STATE OF ILLINOIS

160 North LaSalle Street, Rm S1400 Chicago, Illinois 60601

May 29, 2019

Honorable Dorothy Brown Richard J. Daley Center Room 1001 Chicago, IL 60602

RE: RDG FUND-5 LNS v. JAMES REED

General No.: 1-18-1836 County: Cook County

Trial Court No: 17COTD3838

Dear Honorable Brown:

Attached is the Mandate of the Appellate Court in the above entitled cause.

We are sending the attorneys of record a copy of this letter to inform them that the mandate of the Appellate Court has been filed with you.

Thomas D. Palella Clerk of the Appellate Court

c: Law Office of Marco A. Rodriguez

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1-18-1836

IN THE APPELLATE COURT, STATE OF ILLINOIS FIRST DISTRICT

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RDG FUND-5 LNS, LLC., RON OHR and UNKNOWN TAX DEED PETITIONER(S), Plaintiffs-Appellees,) }
v. JAMES REED, TRUSTEE, 7942 COUNTRY CLUB IRRV TRUST, 7942 COUNTRY) Trial Court No.: 17COTD3838)
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CLERK'S OFFICE APPELLATE COURT FIRST DISTRICT STATE OF ILLINOIS 160 NORTH LASALLE STREET, RM S1400 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601

STATE OF ILLINOIS, FIRST DISTRICT APPELLATE COURT MANDATE

Panel: Honorable Thomas E. Hoffman

Honorable Bertina E. Lampkin Honorable Mary K. Rochford

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on 22nd day of March, 2019 the final judgment of said Appellate Court was entered of record as follows:

RDG FUND-5 LNS, LLC., RON OHR and UNKNOWN TAX DEED PETITIONER(S),

Plaintiffs-Appellees,

JAMES REED, TRUSTEE, 7942 COUNTRY CLUB IRRV TRUST, 7942 COUNTRY CLUB INC.,

Defendants-Appellants.

General No: 1-18-1836

County/Agency: Cook County

Trial Court/Agency Case No.: 17COTD3838

In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 368, this Mandate is issued. As Clerk of the Appellate Court and keeper of the records, files and Seal thereof, I certify that the foregoing is a true statement of the final Order of said Appellate Court in the above cause of record in my office. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 369, the clerk of the circuit court shall file the Mandate promptly.



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Clerk of the Appellate Court

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COOK COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS

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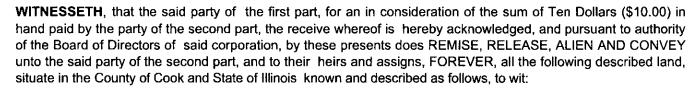
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RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC party of the first part, and

Broadway Irving Park, LLC party of the second part.

Grantee's Address:



See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

subject to: taxes not yet due and payable, general restrictions as they appear of record.

Permanent Real Estate Index No.: 12-36-300-088-0000

Property Address: 7942 W. Country Club Lane, Elmwood Park, IL 60707

Together with all the singular and hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise Appertaining, and the reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever, of the said party of the first part, either in law or equity of, in and to the above described premises, with the hereditaments and appurtenances: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said premises as above described, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, their heirs and assigns forever.

And the said party of the first part, for itself and its successor, does covenant, promise and agree, to and with said party of the second part, their heirs and assigns, that it has not done or suffered to be done, anything whereby the said premises hereby granted are, or may be, in any manner encumbered or charged, except as herein recited; and that the said premises, against all persons lawfully claiming, or to claim the same, by, through or under it, it WILL WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND.

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In Witness Where	eof, said party of the	first part has caused its name to be signed to these prese	ents by its
Authorized	4 Agent	_, the day and year first above written.	
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I, undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE, that Yung Bong Lim , personally appeared before me and acknowledged himself/herself as the Authoritian for ROG Fund-5 LNS LLC and is the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and severally acknowledged that as such they signed and delivered the said instrument as pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation, as his/her free and voluntary act, and as the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and official seal this U day of August , 20 20



My Commission expires on 12/29/2021

This Instrument Was Prepared By:

Kevin Skalnik 156 North Jefferson Street, Suite 203 Chicago, IL 60661

156 North Jefferson Street, Suite 203, Chicago, IL

Notary Public

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7942 W. Country Club Lane, Elmwood

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Village of Elmwood Park
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EXHIBIT "A"

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THIS MATTER, coming before the court pursuant to Broadway Irving Park LLC's Petition for Order of Possession and James Reed's Motion to Vacate, due notice given and the court being fully advised in its premise, IT IS HERBY ORDERED:

- 1. Broadway Irving's Petition for Order of Possession is granted over Reed's continuing objection to the court's jurisdiction and Reed's assertion that the order for issuance of a tax deed is void ab initio.
- 2. Reed reports to the court that a notice of appeal was filed.
 - 3. Broadway Irving's possession of the property is stayed pending the directive of the appellate court.
- Reed's motion to vacate is stricken for the reasons stated in open court. Reed is granted leave to file a Section 2-1401 Petition pursuant to all applicable rules.
 - 5. This matter is set for status on February 27, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. in courtroom 1704, calendar 9 via zoom (ID: 963 9239 3803; Password: 043502).

Prepared by:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINIOS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, COUNTY DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	
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COUNTY COLLECTOR OF COOK COUNTY,	1
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·)
PETITIONER: BROADWAY IRVING PARK LLC	•

ORDER

These matters coming before the Court on (1) Petitioner Broadway Irving Park LLC's Motion for Reconsideration of the Order entered January 9, 2023 staying execution of the Order of Possession and (2) Respondent/Interested Party James Reed's Motion to Vacate, Verified Motion to Compel Production of Title Policy and Motion to Consolidate, due notice given, parties appeared and presented their motions, and the court being fully advised of the matters.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. Broadway Irving Park LLC's Motion for Reconsider is denied.
- 2. James Reed's Motion to Vacate, Motion to Compel and Motion to Consolidate are denied as not proper due to this court's lack of jurisdiction over this matter when Reed filed his Notice of Appeal on January 13, 2023.
- 3. All future court dates are stricken pending the decision of the Appellate Court for the First District in this matter.

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EXHIBIT N

IN THE APPELLATE COURT OF ILLINOIS FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE COUNTY TREASURER AND EX-OFFICIO COUNTY COLLECTOR OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR ORDER OF JUDGMENT AND SALE AGAINST REAL ESTATE RETURNED DELINQUENT FOR THE NONPAYMENT OF GENERAL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2013,)))))
) No. 23-0478
BROADWAY IRVING PARK, LLC,)
Petitioner-Appellee,	
v.	
JAMES REED,	
Respondent-Appellant.)

ORDER

This matter coming before the court on Appellee's motion to dismiss appeal, or in the alternative to set an appeal bond, Appellant having filed an objection to that motion, however, the objection is not responsive to the relief requested by Appellee, and this court being advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Appellee's motion to dismiss is DENIED, and Appellee's motion to set an appeal bond is GRANTED. Appellant is directed to post a \$28,000 bond on or before September 19, 2023, representing \$4000 use and occupancy for each month that appellant

has already had the benefit of the premises from February until the present. Thereafter, during the pendency of the appeal, appellant shall post a \$4000 bond on or before the 19th of each month. If the \$28,000 bond is not posted on or before September 19, 2023, this court will dismiss the appeal.

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APPELLATE COURT FIRST DISTRICT

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EXHIBIT O

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JAMES REED, individually and as Trustee of 7942 Country Club Irrv Trust utad 6-30-2012,	Case:
PETITIONER(s)	*17-ap-00588 NDIL
vs.	
ILLINOIS COURT OF APPEALS, FIRST DISTRICT (1-23-0478) ON APPEAL FROM CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (17COTD3838), ET. AL.,	PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF STATE COURT CASE(S) Pursuant to 28 USC §1452 and 28 USC §1331 and US Const. Art. III, Section 2 Fed. R. Civ. P. 60(b)(4)
RESPONDENT(s)	Subject Property is part of Estate in Bankruptcy and Petitioner is registered Claimant in bankruptcy (17bk12560 DEB)

NOW COMES PETITIONER, a claimant in bankruptcy and Appellant in case 1-23-0478, and Does Hereby Remove from the Illinois Court of Appeals, First District case 1-23-0478, together with the underlying Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois case 17COTD3838 upon which the appellate case is based, pursuant to 28 USC § 1452, 28 USC §1331, and US Const. Art. III, Section 2, and on the following grounds:

- 1. Respondent, acting under color of law, without jurisdiction, violated Petitioner's due process rights under the 5th, 7th, 8th, and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, because:
- a) The state courts of Illinois were deprived of jurisdiction over the subject property on December 4, 2017, when commercial lender and mortgagee of the subject property, Woodbridge Mortgage Investment Fund 1 LLC and its related entity and servicing agent, Silverleaf Funding LLC,

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filed simultaneous Chapter 11 Petitions in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (17bk12560 DEB); and,

- b) The state courts of Illinois were deprived of jurisdiction over the subject property on December 7, 2017, when Petitioner herein filed a Petition to Remove to this Court (17ap00588 NDIL) pending state cases germane to the title and ownership of the subject property because Woodbridge and Silverleaf, who were Defendants in one case (17CH08139 CCCC IL) and original Plaintiffs in another case (13CH28231 CCCC IL), had filed Chapter 11 Petitions, and, Petitioner sought to transfer those state cases to the Delaware Bankruptcy Court. (No Order of Remand from 17ap00588 has ever been sought, nor has the court ever entered, sua sponte, an Order of Remand).
- c) Under both a and b above, Petitioner herein asserts that his state claims for quiet title and unlawful clouding of title (slander) were effectively suspended until resolution of the bankruptcy, over which the Delaware Bankruptcy Court has maintained jurisdiction; and,
- d) Subsequent to the Chapter 11 filing and the filing of the Petition to Remove, the Illinois Secretary of State certified that debtors Woodbridge and Silverleaf, and a related entity and alleged assignee of Silverleaf, Inverse Asset Fund LLC, had, at all times relevant, originated and brokered mortgages in the State of Illinois in violation of the Illinois Loan Brokers Act (815 ILCS 175/15 et. seq.) which provides for both felony penalties against Woodbridge, Silverleaf, and Inverse, and for a grant of a private right of action to Petitioner herein; and,
- e) Petitioner asserts that, under the U.S. Bankruptcy Act, the Delaware Bankruptcy Court is without jurisdiction to discharge Woodbridge from Petitioner's claims for Quiet Title and Unlawful Clouding of Title, pursuant to 11 USC §523(a)(2)(A), (a)(4), and (a)(6) because:
- i) The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida has found that Woodbridge, Silverleaf, and dozens of related entities, at all times relevant, beginning on or about July 1, 2012 and continuing through on or about December 4, 2017, were part of a massive interstate

"Ponzi-like scheme" (17-24624 SDFL); and,

- ii) Originating and brokering a commercial loan in the State of Illinois without prior registration with the Illinois Secretary of State is prohibited under 815 ILCS 175/15-10 ("registration required") and 815 ILCS 175/15-65 ("Any person who willfully violates this Act commits a Class 4 felony").
- iii) By recording the commercial mortgage and assignments, all derived without prior registration, Woodbridge, Silverleaf, and Inverse each committed unlawful clouding of title, a felony act in Illinois (720 ILCS 5/32-13); and,
- 2. Petitioner asserts that all underlying state court judgments and orders related to the subject property, its ownership, and possession, issued by the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois on or after December 4, 2017 are *void ab initio* for lack of subject matter jurisdiction because, specifically, the underlying Judgment in 17COTD3838 (entered July 23, 2018) was without subject matter jurisdiction and without personal jurisdiction over Petitioner herein, who was neither named nor served in the Complaint in that matter (neither were Woodbridge, Silverleaf or Inverse named in the Complaint or served) and the underlying Judgment in 13CH28231 (entered July 25, 2018), both entered after the Woodbridge Chapter 11 Petition of December 4, 2017, and after Petitioner herein's filing of his Petition to Remove (December 7, 2017), together with all post-judgment orders of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois have been entered without jurisdiction, and are, in accordance with long-held state and federal law, void ab ititio; and,
- 3. This court has previously held that the principle that "state court judgments entered in violation of an automatic stay in bankruptcy are void ab initio and subject to collateral attack, even if the state court has (erroneously) determined that the automatic stay does not apply to

the proceeding in which the order is entered." In re Benalcazar, 283 B.R. 514, 525-26 (Bankr. N.D.III. 2002) (citing Kalb v. Feuerstein, 308 U.S. 433 (1940)); see also Schmitt v. Schmitt, 324 F.3d 484, 487 (7th Cir. 2003)" as cited in Wheeler Fin. v. JP Morgan Chase Bank (In re Aguirre), CIVIL 18-cv-07915, at *8 (N.D. III. Aug. 19, 2021); and,

JURISDICTION

- This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 USC §1331, 28 USC §1441 and US Const. Art.
 Section 2, because:
 - a) the subject property was automatically conveyed into the Estate in Bankruptcy on December 4, 2017, pursuant to the U.S. Bankruptcy Act (11 USC 362(a) et seq.), when Woodbridge and Woodbridge's servicing agent, Silverleaf Funding LLC, both being named Defendants in Petitioner's state law suit for quiet title (17-CH-08139); and,
 - b) the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois was vitiated on December 7, 2017 when Petitioner herein filed a Petition to Remove with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division (17-ap-00588) and the court, to this date, has never issued an order of remand; and,
 - c) Further, Petitioner cites to the following applicable case law:
 - i) Petitioner asserts the long held principle that a void judgment or order may be attacked at any time, either directly or collaterally, and that "The court must vacate a final judgment if it is "void." Fed. R. Civ. P. 60(b)(4). "[A] judgment is void only if the court which rendered it lacked jurisdiction of the subject matter or of the parties, or if it acted in a manner inconsistent with due process of law." Simmons v. Yurkovich, 497 Fed. Appx. 664, 665 (7th Cir. 2013) (quoting O'Rourke Bros. Inc. v. Nesbitt Burns, Inc., 201 F.3d 948, 951 (7th Cir. 2000))."

Arnold v. Villarreal, No. 09 C 7399, at *2 (N.D. III. Sep. 9, 2014)

ii) And, "Void judgments are legal nullities, and the court lacks discretion to deny a motion to vacate a void judgment under 60(b)(4). Indoor Cultivation Equip.,55 F.3d at 1317. The "reasonable time" limit allowed by Rule 60(b) in the context of a 60(b)(4)

motion effectively means "no time limit" and the judgment may be vacated at any time. O'Rourke Bros. Inc. v. Nesbitt Burns Inc.,201 F.3d 948, 950 (7th Cir. 2000).

New Century Mortgage Corporation v. Roebuck, No. 01 C 3591, at *1 (N.D. III. June 24, 2003)

And, "The Illinois Supreme Court has held that we have a duty to vacate void trial court orders, including those entered without personal jurisdiction over a party. Delgado v. Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Chicago, 224 Ill. 2d 481, 486 (2007). It is imperative to note that defects in the service of process are neither technical nor insubstantial. West Suburban Bank v. Advantage Financial Partners, LLC, 2014 IL App (2d) 131146, ¶ 20. Strict compliance with the statutes governing the service of process is required before a court will acquire personal jurisdiction over the person served. Sarkissian v. Chicago Board of Education, 201 Ill. 2d 95, 109 (2002). "[A] judgment rendered by a court which fail[ed] to acquire jurisdiction of either the parties or the subject matter of the litigation may be attacked and vacated at any time or in any court, either directly or collaterally." State Bank of Lake Zurich v. Thill, 113 Ill. 2d 294, 308-09 (1986). We review de novo whether personal jurisdiction was conferred. Commerce Trust Co. v. Air 1st Aviation Cos., 366 Ill. App. 3d 135, 140 (2006).

Johnson v. Platas, 2016 Ill. App. 143468, 7 (Ill. App. Ct. 2016)

VENUE

5. Venue is appropriate because the acts Complained of occurred within the Northern District of Illinois, in Cook County, Illinois and because a motion to vacate a void judgment or void order may be had in any court, at any time.

ATTACHMENTS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION

- Petitioner attaches the following documents in support of his Petition:
 - a) Order of Court of Appeals entered September 27, 2023 (1-23-0478) denying Motion to Vacate Order entered in violation of the Constitution and Laws of the United States.
 - b) Order of Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, denying Petition to Vacate void Judgment entered January , 2023 (17-COTD-3838)

REMEDIES SOUGHT

Petitioner seeks:

a) Declaratory Judgment that all Judgments and Orders of the Circuit Court of Cook County,

Illinois entered on or after December 4, 2017 and/or on or after December 7, 2017, are "void

ab initio" for violation of the due process requirements of the 5th, 7th, 8th, and 14th Amend. to

the U.S. Constitution, and Order of Vacatuer with prejudice of all such Judgments and Orders

in cases 17COTD3838, 13CH28231, and in case 1-23-0478; and,

b) Judgment for Petitioner and Order for reimbursement for all filing fees and costs

associated with litigation since December 4, 2017 upon presentment of itemization of same

and approval thereof by the court; and,

c) Order directing the Cook County Recorder of Deeds to vacate and to expunge Deeds filed

pursuant to Orders in cases 17COTD3838 and 13CH28231; and,

d) Order reinstating Petitioner's Quiet Title case (17CH08139) as of December 4, 2017

against Woodbridge, Silverleaf, and Inverse; and,

e) Such other relief as the Court may see fit to grant as provided by law.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of September, 2023 on oath and affirmation pursuant to

28 USC \$1746.

James Reed

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Docket No.	1-23-0478			
IN THE APPELLATE COURT OF ILLINOIS				
FIRST JUDICIA	AL DISTRICT			
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE COUNTY TREASURER AND EX-OFFICIO COUNTY COLLECTOR OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR ORDER OF JUDGMENT AND SALE AGAINST REAL ESTATE RETURNED DELINQUENT FOR THE NONPAYMENT OF GENERAL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2013	Appeal from the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois County Department County Division No. 2017 CODT 003838 The Honorable Judge Tracie Porter			
JAMES REED Respondent - Appellant RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC, Petitioner-Appellee	MOTION TO VACATE ORDER VOID FOR VIOLATION OF DUE PROCESS GUARANTEES)			
Violation of the Constitution and Laws of t	pellant's Motion to Vacate Order Void for he United States and of the State of Illinois, a response having			
due notice having been given, and the Court IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:	being fully advised in the premises:			
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Appellant's Motion for an Order requiring Broadway Living Park LLC to file a Datition to Intervene and to cet a briefing schedule is:				
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ORDER

This matter coming before the court on Appellee's motion to dismiss appeal, or in the alternative to set an appeal bond, Appellant having filed an objection to that motion, however, the objection is not responsive to the relief requested by Appellee, and this court being advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Appellee's motion to dismiss is DENIED, and Appellee's motion to set an appeal bond is GRANTED. Appellant is directed to post a \$28,000 bond on or before September 19, 2023, representing \$4000 use and occupancy for each month that appellant

has already had the benefit of the premises from February until the present. Thereafter, during the pendency of the appeal, appellant shall post a \$4000 bond on or before the 19th of each month. If the \$28,000 bond is not posted on or before September 19, 2023, this court will dismiss the appeal.

ORDER ENTERED

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APPELLATE COURT FIRST DISTRICT

Margaret S. McBrids
Presiding Justice

Justice

Debra B. Walker
Justice

EXHIBIT Q

Docket No. 1-23-0478

IN THE APPELLATE COURT OF ILLINOIS FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE) Appeal from the Circuit Court
APPLICATION OF THE COUNTY) of Cook County, Illinois
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COUNTY COLLECTOR OF COOK) County Department,
COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR ORDER) County Division,
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TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2013,)
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JAMES REED)
Respondent-Appellant)
)
BROADWAY IRVING PARK LLC)
Petitioner-Appellee)

ORDER

THIS MATTER COMING ON Petitioner-Appellee's Motion to Dismiss Appeal, due notice having been given and the Court being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

GRANTED solely as provided herein. This matter is dismissed without prejudice.

DENIED.

ORDER ENTERED

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APPELLATE COURT FIRST DISTRICT

Presiding Justice

Rena Marie Van Tine

EXHIBIT R

Docket No. 1-23-0478

IN THE APPELLATE COURT OF ILLINOIS

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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ORDER

THIS MATTER COMING ON Appellant's Motion to Vacate Order Entered After Removal to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois - Eastern Division on September 29, 2023, as case 23cv14321, due notice having been given, and the Court being fully advised in the premises:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Appellant's Motion to Vacate the Order Dismissing Appellant's Appeal entered without prejudice on October 16, 2023 is: Granted ______ Denied _____.

Appellant's Motion to Strike Broadway Irving Park LLC's Motion to Dismiss filed on

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Appellant's Motion to denote all subsequent filings in this matter submitted prior to an Order of Remand issued by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois - Eastern Division in compliance with Title 28 USC 1441 et. seq. in case 23-cv-14321 is:

Granted _____ Denied _____.

ORDER ENTERED

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APPELLATE COURT FIRST DISTRICT

PRESIDING JUSTICE

EXHIBIT S



CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601



December 5, 2023

Honorable Iris Y. Martinez Richard J. Daley Center Room 1001 Chicago, IL 60602

RE: RDG FUND-5 LNS, LLC v. JAMES REED

General No.: 1-23-0478 County: Cook County

Trial Court No: 17COTD3838

Dear Honorable Martinez:

Attached is the Mandate of the Appellate Court in the above entitled cause.

We are sending the attorneys of record a copy of this letter to inform them that the mandate of the Appellate Court has been filed with you.

Thomas D. Palella Clerk of the Appellate Court

c: JAMES REED Schain, Banks, Kenny & Schwartz, Ltd.

Docket No. 1-23-0478

IN THE APPELLATE COURT OF ILLINOIS FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

APPLICATION OF THE COUNTY) of Cook County, Illinois	
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JAMES REED.	
Respondent-Appellant)	
BROADWAY IRVING PARK LLC)	ri d
Petitioner-Appellee)	Ê

ORDER.

THIS MATTER COMING ON Petitioner-Appellee's Motion to Dismiss Appeal, due notice having been given and the Court being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

GRANTED solely as provided herein. This matter is dismissed without prejudice

DENED.

ORDER ENTERED

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APPELLATE COURT FIRST DISTRICT

Presiding Justice

Rena Marie Van Tine

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CLERK'S OFFICE APPELLATE COURT FIRST DISTRICT STATE OF ILLINOIS 160 NORTH L'ASALLE STREET, RM \$1400 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601



STATE OF ILLINOIS, FIRST DISTRICT APPELLATE COURT MANDATE

Panel:

Honorable Jesse Gregory Reyes Honorable Rena Marie Van Tine

Honorable Debra B. Walker

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on 16th day of October, 2023 the final judgment of said Appellate Court was entered of record as follows:

RDG FUND-5 LNS, LLC., (Petitioner for

Tax Deed)

Plaintiffs-Appellees,

General No: 1-23-0478

County/Agency: Cook County

Trial Court/Agency Case No.: 17COTD3838

v.

JAMES REED, (unserved and un-named

"owner.... in interest")

Defendants-Appellants.

In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 368, this Mandate is issued. As Clerk of the Appellate Court and keeper of the records, files and Seal thereof, I certify that the foregoing is a true statement of the final Order of said Appellate Court in the above cause of record in my office. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 369, the clerk of the circuit court shall file the Mandate promptly.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of the Illinois Appellate Court this 5th day of December, 2023.

Clerk of the Appellate Court

EXHIBIT T

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, COUNTY DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
THE COUNTY TREASURER AND EX-OFFICIO)	
COUNTY COLLECTOR OF COOK COUNTY,)	
ILLINOIS, FOR ORDER OF JUDGMENT AND)	Case No. 2017 COTD 3838
SALE AGAINST REAL ESTATE RETURNED)	
DELINQUENT FOR THE NONPAYMENT OF)	
GENERAL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2013)	
)	
PETITIONER: BROADWAY IRVING PARK LLC)	

ORDER

This matter coming to be heard on the Court's set status call, counsel for Respondent James Reed appearing and counsel for Petitioner Broadway Irving Park, LLC ("*Broadway*") appearing, the question of the Court's jurisdiction over this matter having been raised by counsel for Respondent in light of the litigation pending before Judge Leinenweber in the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois – Eastern Division, and the Court being advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Stay of the Order of Possession entered on January 9, 2023 remains in full force and effect. Petitioner's Motion to Vacate Stay is entered and continued until this Court makes a ruling in this matter;
- 2. Respondent has until March 28, 2024 to file a motion or pleading in support of his position that this Court lacks jurisdiction over the above-captioned matter as a result of the PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF STATE COURT CASE(S) filed by Respondent on

September 29, 2023, and currently pending before Federal District Court Judge Leinenweber (23-cv-14321);

- 3. Petitioner has until April 11, 2024 to file a response to any motion or pleading filed by Respondent;
 - Respondent has until April 18, 2024 to file a reply; and 4.
- 5. The matter is set for status on all filings on April 19, 2024 at 10:30 a.m., in Courtroom 1704 via Zoom (ID: 963 9239 3803; Password 043502).

Dated: March 7, 2024

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The Honorable Tracie R. Porter Circuit Court Judge

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EXHIBIT U

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINIOS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, COUNTY DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE)	
COUNTY TREASURER AND EX-OFFICIO COUNTY)	
COLLECTOR OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR)	
ORDER OF JUDGMENT AND SALE AGAWST)	Case No. 2017 COTD 3838
REAL ESTATE RETURNED DELINQUENT FOR)	
THE NONPAYMENT OF GENERAL TAXES FOR)	
THE YEAR 2013)	
,)	
PETITIONER: BROADWAY IRVING PARK LLC)	

ORDER

This matter coming to be heard before the Court, counsel for James Reed ("Reed") appearing and counsel for Broadway Irving Park, LLC appearing, the question of the Court's jurisdiction over this matter having been raised and briefed by the parties. The Court having heard oral argument and reviewed all briefs on the matter about the question of its jurisdiction, finds as follows:

- 1. Reed filed his Petition for Removal of State Court Case(s) ("*Removal Petition*") on September 29, 2023, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. This matter is now pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, case number 23-cv-14321.
- 2. Reed has served a copy of the Removal Petition on Petitioner Broadway Irving Park LLC.
- 3. The Federal Judge assigned to case number 23-cv-14321 has not ruled on the Removal Petition.

- 4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), this Court lacks jurisdiction over this case to proceed on any matters filed with this Court after September 29, 2023 while this matter is pending in federal court.
- 5. The Court requests that the parties advise the Court in the event an Order of Remand is entered by the Federal Judge in United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, case number 23-cv-14321.

Dated: June 6, 2024

ENTERED:

Judge Tracie R. Porter

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